Losses of OMCs

212. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) reported some losses recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make them profitable in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPC) have reported a combined loss of Rs.I 1,094 crore during the period April-December, 2008. The company-wise details of Profit after Tax for the period April-December, 2008 are given below:

	(Rs. Crore)
IOC	(3673)
BPC	(2892)
HPC	(4529)
TOTAL :	(11094)

As the retail selling prices of four sensitive petroleum products namely, Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG were not revised in line with increase in the international oil prices, the OMCs incurred under-recoveries of Rs. 1,06,215 crore on the sale of these products during the period April-December, 2008. These under-recoveries have adversely impacted the financial health of the OMCs on account of increased need for borrowings, resulting in mounting interest liability.

(c) In the revised Burden Sharing Mechanism for 2008-09, Government has decided that after accounting for contributions from the Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies of Rs.32,000 crore, the remaining under-recovery during the year 2008-09 would be compensated through issue of Oil Bonds by the Government.

Central assistance for tourism promotion

†213. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States in respect of number of foreign tourists in decreasing order;

(b) the names of the first twenty most visited tourist places in the country; and

(c) the amount provided by the Centre to these States and tourist places during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The number of foreign tourist visits to different States/UTs in 2007, in descending order are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) Statistics on tourist visits to individual tourist places in the country are not maintained by the Ministry of Tourism.

(c) The number of tourism projects and amount sanctioned to various States/ UTs during the last three years are given in Statement-II

Statement-I

Number of foreign tourist visited to States/UTs during 2007

Sl.No.	State/U.T.	Number of Foreign Tourist Visits during 2007
1	2	3
1	Delhi	2018848
2	Maharashtra	1928052
3	Tamil Nadu	1753103
4	Uttar Pradesh	1493157
5	Rajasthan	1401042
6	West Bengal	1154770
7	Andhra Pradesh	769724
8	Karnataka	534563
9	Kerala	515808
10	Goa	388457
11	Himachal Pradesh	339409
12	Madhya Pradesh	234204
13	Bihar	177362
14	Gujarat	104158
15	Uttarakhand	95976
16	Haryana	64711
17	Puducherry	57682
18	Jammu and Kashmir	52754
19	Orissa	41880
20	Chandigarh	26567
21	Sikkim	17498
22	Assam	12899
23	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10975
24	Dadra & Nager Haveli	5625
25	Punjab	5470

1	2	3
26	Daman and Diu	5315
27	Meghalaya	5267
28	Jharkhand	4004
29	Tripura	3181
30	Lakshadweep	2933
31	Arunachal Pradesh	2212
32	Chhattisgarh	1232
33	Nagaland	936
34	Mizoram	669
35	Manipur	396

Statement-II

The projects and amount sanctioned to States/UTs by Ministry of Tourism from 2005-06 to 2007-08

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	State/UT	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		No of projects Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	No of Projects Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	No of Projects Sancd	Amount Sancd.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7	2615.82	3	1540.56	9	2629.48
2.	Assam	10	2,140.00	9	2453.39	5	1271.90
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10	2240.16	12	1887.80	10	3330.12
4.	Bihar	3	1212.23	2	1937.29	3	1194.75
5.	Chhattisgarh	7	1775.59	16	3540.17	4	1274.09
6.	Goa	1	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
7.	Gujarat	5	2011.58	7	443.65	5	576.58
8.	Haryana	7	639.71	5	1836.16	11	2260.27
9.	Himachal Pradesh	6	1645.00	8	1871.00	12	2286.22
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	22	6,656.01	29	5233.82	36	6851.15
11.	Jharkhand	5	1227.27	3	956.35	7	1130.47
12.	Karnataka	8	1706.52	4	1323.89	5	2004.71
13.	Kerala	13	4858.88	18	4474.02	10	3124.31
14.	Madhya Pradesh	12	3047.39	10	3668.47	16	3952.66

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.	Maharashtra	9	2075.04	13	2839.05	5	1279.44
16.	Manipur	2	49.80	9	939.35	5	1110.77
17.	Meghalaya	1	5.00	9	1435.29	2	674.40
18.	Mizoram	10	2273.41	9	2613.38	5	1692.94
19.	Nagaland	9	2528.97	8	2340.32	21	2241.35
20.	Orissa	10	2309.61	13	2826.84	12	2376.30
21.	Punjab	5	1437.67	13	3223.37	1	397.89
22.	Rajasthan	7	2591.87	8	953.84	2	1554.46
23.	Sikkim	14	2844.56	13	2609.42	27	6036.48
24.	Tamil Nadu	19	4264.62	11	1866.41	13	2831.80
25.	Tripura	3	716.26	4	291.27	11	1110.76
26.	Uttarakhand	13	2738.00	16	1907.50	5	2081.04
27.	Uttar Pradesh	18	3905.23	7	3329.06	7	2833.03
28.	West Bengal	5	989.35	10	2978.32	12	3243.17
29.	Andaman and Nicobar	1	6.25	0	0.00	0	0.00
30.	Chandigarh	1	13.70	2	15.00	2	20.00
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2	29.79	0	0.00	0	0.00
32.	Delhi	2	20.00	5	2400.09	7	749.08
33.	Daman and Diu	4	262.28	0	0.00	0	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	1	7.00	1	782.73
35.	Pudducheny	2	469.39	1	500.00	6	1610.88
	TOTAL :	253	61316.96	278	64242.08	277	64513.23

Promotion of tourism in Himachal Pradesh

214. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of projects received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for development and promotion of tourism in the State during the year 2007-08;

(b) the names of projects sanctioned by Government and the financial support extended to Himachal Pradesh during the year 2007-08; and

(c) the amount utilized by the State Government on infrastructure development of destinations in the State during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory